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VII.
Justices to levy money,
&c.

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the justices of Baltimore county court be, and they are hereby, authorised and directed to assess and levy on the assessable property of said county, at their next levy court, the sum of thirty-four pounds thirteen shillings and nine-pence current money, with interest thereon at the rate of four *per centum per annum* from the ninth day of November, in the year seventeen hundred and seventy-six, together with the collector's commission for collecting the same, and that they draw an order on the collector of said county, payable to the said Nicholas Merryman, for the said sum of money and interest.

C H A P. VIII.

Passed December 14.

A Supplement to an act, entitled, An act to encourage the destroying of wolves.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, that the inhabitants of Frederick, Washington, and Allegany counties, labour under a peculiar hardship, and do annually incur a heavy expence, by reason of the citizens of the neighbouring adjacent states of Virginia and Pennsylvania driving wolves therefrom into some one of the counties aforesaid within this state, and there killing and destroying them, thereby entitling themselves to the reward given by the act passed at November session, seventeen hundred and eighty-eight, to the great injury and oppression of the counties aforesaid; and this general assembly thinking it just and reasonable that a law should pass in order to obviate and remove, as far as may be thought consistent with the public interest, the said grievance;

Justice to give a certificate, &c.

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That when and as often as any credible free person or persons shall bring before any justice of the peace within either of the counties of Frederick, Washington or Allegany, within this state, the head of any wolf or wolves, and make oath (or affirmation,) that the wolf or wolves of which he or they produce the head or heads, were actually caught and killed within the limits of that county in which he or they pray an allowance, and within six days next before the producing the same to such justice, that then such justice shall and he is hereby authorised and directed to give such person or persons producing, a certificate for such head or heads produced and proved as aforesaid, and in such certificate to mention the oath (or affirmation) taken, and therein distinguishing which or how many of the heads of the old or young wolves; and every justice of either of the counties aforesaid, who shall have any wolf's head or heads brought before him by any person or persons as aforesaid, shall be and he is hereby authorised and empowered to judge of the age of the said wolf or wolves of which the head or heads were brought before him, and if such justice shall believe the age of such wolf or wolves to exceed six months, that then he shall distinguish the same in his certificate by the words old wolf or wolves; and that every justice of either of the counties aforesaid before whom any wolf's head is brought, and by whom a certificate shall be given as aforesaid, is hereby authorised and directed immediately to cause the ears to be cut off, and the tongue taken out of and from the head or heads of such wolf or wolves, to prevent such head or heads from being a second time carried before a justice in order to obtain a certificate.

To be allowed at the levy court, &c.

III. *And be it enacted,* That every person or persons who shall produce a certificate, granted as aforesaid, to the justices of either of the counties aforesaid wherein the said wolf or wolves were killed, at the levy court of said county, shall, for every old wolf's head, be allowed twenty shillings current money, and no more, and for every young wolf's head ten shillings current money, and no more, to be by the said justices assessed and levied in the county levy, together with the sheriff's salary for collecting the same, and to be paid by the sheriff to such person or persons as shall be entitled to the same as aforesaid.

Part of an act repealed.

IV. *And be it enacted,* That the act to which this is a supplement be and is hereby repealed, so far as it respects the said counties of Frederick, Washington and Allegany.

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